# DRAFT MINUTES TIMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE May 21, 2008 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by David Gau, Chairman, at 9:30 a.m., Room 122, State Board of Equalization (BOE), 450 N Street, Sacramento, California, with the following in attendance. A quorum was present.

#### TIMBER ADVISORY

#### COMMITTEE (TAC) MEMBER REPRESENTING

David Gau, Chairman BOE

Linda Hill Assessor, Humboldt County

Susan Ranochak Assessor/Recorder/Clerk, Mendocino County

Leslie Morgan

Mike Mallory

Marty Olhiser

George Belden

Assessor, Shasta County

Assessor, Siskiyou County

Large-Scale Timber Owners

Small-Scale Timber Owners

Christopher Zimny Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

#### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE REPRESENTING

Sue Blake Honorable Bill Leonard Carole Ruwart BOE, Legal Department

Dean Kinnee BOE, County-Assessed Properties Division (CAPD)

Benjamin Tang

BOE, CAPD, Timber Tax Section

Mitchell Cari

BOE, CAPD, Timber Tax Section

#### 1. Oath of Office

David Gau introduced Ramon J. Hirsig, Executive Director, BOE. Mr. Hirsig administered the oath of office to the TAC Members.

#### 2. Nomination of Timber Advisory Committee Secretary

Mike Mallory moved to nominate Linda Hill to the position of the Timber Advisory Committee Secretary. Marty Olhiser seconded the motion, which then passed without objection.

#### 3. Approval of the November 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Linda Hill moved to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2007 meeting. Mike Mallory seconded the motion, which then passed without objection.

#### 4. Update on transition to new computer programs

Mitchell Cari reported that Phase I of the project was completed in November 2007 and functioning properly and that Phase II was completed in April 2008. Mitchell Cari also reported that the programs were enhanced or changed as deemed necessary.

Chris Zimny asked if there were any significant changes in values or costs to any particular species due to the program changes? Mitchell Cari explained that the changes did not result in changes to the values or costs.

#### 5. Harvest Value Discussion for Period July 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

### a. Tables G & S — Green and Salvage Values Schedules

Mitchell Cari gave an overview of general trends in the timber market and an explanation of the methodology and techniques used to process timber and delivered log sales. Marty Olhiser and George Belden commented on the current timber market.

Chris Zimny asked "how far back are the sales included for the analysis?" George Felix stated that the sales occurred between April 1, 2006 and April 15, 2008. Mike Mallory moved to approve the values on Tables G and S. Sue Ranochak seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

#### b. Table 1, Miscellaneous Forest Products Harvest Values

Mitchell Cari provided a general overview of Table 1, Miscellaneous Harvest Values, and staff's suggested changes from the previous schedule. Linda Hill moved to approve the suggested values for Table 1. Marty Olhiser seconded the motion, which then passed without objection.

#### 6. Other Business

#### a. Revised harvest values schedule instructions

Mitchell Cari reported that staff revised the harvest values schedule instructions for the purpose of promoting greater compliance.

#### b. Date for Next Meeting

The date for the next TAC meeting was tentatively set for November 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

## 7. New Business

There was no new business.

## 8. Adjournment

David Gau adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.